

**FY 2004 Budget Meetings**  
**Formal Comment**  
**Portland, Oregon - June 4, 2002**

- 1). **Susan Coburn Hughs**  
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Formal written comments (opening remarks) attached

- 2). **Paul Rainey**  
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**Formal Comment to both RL/ORP**

- All of us in Oregon should be concerned about the fish and the economy. The threat is serious, and needs to be addressed.
- Suggest that the fish, watershed groups, local governments, economic groups would benefit from this information, Get the facts out to a wider range of citizens.
- Vitrify the waste and treat the groundwater.

(Formal written comments attached)

- 3). **Doug Riggs**  
Hanford Information Network

**A). Read statement of Rob Davis, Chair of the Hanford Information Network.**

- Concerned that the budget numbers are not available, difficult to comment on the FY 2004 budget without the numbers
- The plan is promising, but does not have the approval of the regulators
- Some elements of the plan need more attention
  - Groundwater
  - Waste importation
  - Needs to better define "closed" tanks
  - If "industrial use" end state is used, it should be revisited if new technologies are available
  - The plan should make it clear that a public process is required
  - Test new technologies before implementing them

(Formal written copy attached.)

**B). Read statement of Fawn McNeely of the Hanford Information Network**

- Hanford is the most critical environmental cleanup project in the U. S.
- Progress is being made
- We want to make certain that the Plan is addressing groundwater treatment
- We need full funding for Hanford

(Formal written copy attached)

- 4). **Tom Miller**  
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- 5). **Statement of Rep. Earl Blumenauer**  
(as read by Paige Knight of the Hanford Watch)

(Formal written comment attached)

- 6). **Vera DaFoe**  
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- No re-starting
- No expansion
- Clean it up now, stop stalling
- No grout

(Formal written comment attached)

- 7). **Gerald Pollet**  
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(Formal written comment and presentation attached)

- 8). **Joyce Fallingstad**  
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- All of the DOE budget should go toward cleaning up waste around the country. Clean up the waste, no more nuclear waste. Don't contaminate another square inch.
- Want full funding, rapid but careful & mindful cleanup
- Commit to cleaning up the infrastructure, groundwater, and soil.
- Accept no more waste at Hanford
- Decommission and close FFTF right now
- Need another hearing with the budget numbers
- Don't spend \$20M on a tank demonstration. Clean them out now.
- Clean up the site to its original pristine condition

- 9). **Paige Knight**  
Hanford Watch

- The plan outlines faster & cheaper, but are we getting LESS or NO cleanup at all?
- This is the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> new plan from HQ for the past 11 years
- No to grout
- Management needs to be changed – GAO reports on target
- Favor the vitrification facility, but question whether it can be done without adequate funds
- Multi-layered plans, with an ever tightening budget could de-tail the WTP. Worried about HQ NOT wanting vitrification – would be the 5<sup>th</sup> failure on this approach
- Been briefed on some of the new technologies, but how can we put money into them when we have no guarantee on the \$433M. It won't get us closer to a better vitrification plant.
- Have a whole lot of problems with this plan. T2B wants to weaken RCRA and do away with the regulations – the Administration is weakening our Environmental laws.
- Support change, but as a citizenry we need to be very alert to the implications of changes

- 10). Tom Carpenter**  
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- 11). Patrick Norton**  
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- Basic truths about this. This is one of the worst crimes in history (Hiroshima) Full of lies since then, and so if we don't believe you, Don't take it personally. You are ordered to tell half-truths.
- Another basic truth is that for example, if you have a \$10 budget, only \$3 will be spent on cleanup and the rest is spent on bombs. Your stealing from the cleanup budget
- Not fooled. FFTF maintenance is robbing money from the cleanup budget

- 12). Robert Keith Hedlund**  
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Native Americans need rad testing. Who ever is responsible should notify people that the stuff along the banks of the Columbia River is dangerous. Notify and tell the people.

- 13). Laura Feldman**  
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- DOE needs to honor its commitment and responsibility to actually clean up Hanford
- The plan looks shakey and incomplete
- The plan is to shift funding and focus away from clean up to more weaponry.
- Which corporations and energy companies will be profiting from this plan of acceleration?

(Formal written comment attached)

- 14). Hon. Ron Wyden**  
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(Formal written comment attached)

